पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) अभी तक प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार राजस्थान के वन क्षेत्र में अवैध खनन के 596 मामलों का पता चला है। अवैध खनन वाले क्षेत्र का परिकलन नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) यह सच नहीं है कि वन विभाग अवैध खनन में वन विभाग की मिली-भगत है। अवैध खनन कार्य को रोकने/नियंत्रित करने के लिए कानूनी कार्रवाही शुरु की गई है।

(घ) जी, नहीं।

Heavily Polluting Industries in the Country

990. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BABU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of industries in the country identified as heavily polluting the environment;

(b) what is the time limit specified by Government for these heavily polluting industries to install effluent treatment plants to bring down the pollution to the minimum;

(c) how many of these industries have enforced the safeguards prescribed by the Government;

(d) what are the reasons for non-compliance by the remaining heavily polluting industries; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) There are 1629 units in the identified 17 categories of heavily polluting industries in the country.

(b) Government have issued a notification on 12.2.92 according to which, industries that were commissioned on or before May 16, 1981 and after May 16, 1981 are required to take steps to meet the prescribed standards by December 31, 1992, and December 31, 1993 respectively.

(c) and (d) According to the information given by the Central Pollution control Board, 805 units are fully complying with the standards, 76 units are closed and 555 units that were commissioned prior to May 16, 1981 are to meet the prescribed standards by December 31, 1993.

(e) The State Governments have been asked to take legal action against the defaulting units.

Investigation into Helicopter Accident in Kalaghar Dam

991. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a Committee headed by Additional Inspector General (Wild Life) to investigate the helicopter accident in Kalaghar dam;

(b) what is the constitution of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(d) if so, what are the findings and the action taken thereon; and

(e) if not, by when the report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Government had directed the Addl. IGF(WL) to investigate into the helicopter accident in Kalaghar Dam. Mr. S. Deb Roy a member of the Steering Committee of Project Tiger also accompanied him to facilitate the enquiry.

(c) The Add. IGF(WL) has since submitted his report.

(d) The findings of the report are:

(i) There were cases of illegal landings of helicopters within Corbett Tiger Reserve.

(ii) One helicopter had also crashed in the reservoir of Kalaghar dam which was since seized by the field staff. The owners filed a suit in the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kotdwara to get the seized articles released and the Court ordered their release. An appeal has been filed by the park authorities in the Court of Distinct and Session judge Pauri who stayed the CJM's order till 3rd March, 1993.

(e) Does not arise.

Standard of Pollution Control

992. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the 45 large scale industries indentified as falling under highly polluting category have failed to confirm to the standard of pollution control;

(b) if so, the details of such units;

(c) whether his Ministry and the Central Board for Pollution Control have been monitoring the progress; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any action against the polluting units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) According to the information provided by the Central pollution Control Board, there are 25 large and medium units which have not shown any proof of commencment of physical work to instal the required pollution control devices within the given time. The State-wise details of such units are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Units
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	06
3.	Rajasthan	1
4.	Madhya Pradesh	1
5.	Maharashtra	1
6.	Uttar Pradesh	3
7.	West Bengal	2

(c) and (d) The Central Pollution Control Board is monitoring the status of compliance. Legal action is taken by the State Pollution Control Boards and the Pollution Control Committees of the Union Territories against the defaulting units.

Insurance of Teakwood Plantation

993. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has suggested to General Insurance Corporation to insure teakwood plantation undertaken is some states;

(b) whether GIC has agreed to this suggestion;

(c) the steps taken to insure the plantation of teakwood and other economic species wherever it is feasible; and

(d) the steps taken to involve the local people in the above plantation programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary at Mtithodi in Karnataka

994. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary at Muthodi (Chickmagalur) in Karnataka has been threatened with indiscriminate destruction of greencover, spread of weeds like Parthenium etc.; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to preserve and protect the